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Letter dated 12 April 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions by my Government, I wish to bring to your attention a provocative and criminal act perpetrated by the Turkish occupation forces in Cyprus.

In the evening of Thursday, 8 April 1993, a Turkish soldier shot and killed in cold blood a National Guardsman, Athanassios Cleovoulou, in the buffer zone of Nicosia. Cleovoulou, who was unarmed, was shot and killed in cold blood without any attempt to either arrest or warn him before shooting him. He was shot from a guardpost that is usually unmanned and this constitutes additional evidence that his murder was intentional. The Turkish occupation forces bear full responsibility for this callous act.

This murder, which comes at a time of intensive diplomatic activity for the resumption of the negotiations for the solution of the Cyprus problem, is indicative of Turkish bad faith and contributes to the deterioration of the existing climate on the eve of such negotiations.

This tragic event reaffirms the need of maintaining the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) with its current strength and mandate, as proposed in your latest report (S/25492 of 30 March 1993).

I wish to stress in the strongest possible terms my Government's protest and condemnation of this unprovoked criminal act, which once again underlines the inherent dangers to peace and security that the continued presence of the Turkish occupation forces in Cyprus constantly poses.

I shall be grateful if the text of the present letter is circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 45, and of the Security Council.

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